



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
480 RIDGE RD. SPRING CITY, PA. 19475 - 9678**

Minutes for the September 11, 2013 Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Brian M. Gallagher at the Ridge Fire Co. at 1921Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of all LODD on 9/11/2001.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 19 members from 13 departments and 2 guest.

Guest Speaker:

- Pat Davis made a presentation on the County's PSTC Tactical Village.
- State Representative Becky Corbin of the 115th District introduced herself and made a short presentation.
 - She has coloring books that she can have printed up for fire prevention.
 - No real-estate transfer taxes for Fire Companies. Governor signed in July
 - State PEMA Grant opened up this past week for 2013-14
 - SR60 needs to be reviewed again for current recruitment
 - Cancer Presumption, unexpected consequence with loss of workman comps
 - Hearing planned for the relation of solar panels and fire fighting by Rep Frank Fairy
 - Hearing coming up in SE PA, if you wish to attend.
 - PA Small Games of Chance law effects on Fire Company
 - Coffee Tax recommendation from Brian

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes had been electronically circulated previous to the meeting. A motion was made by Denny Rumler (51) and seconded by Chris Totaro (73) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- New truck and trailer advertising planning is underway.
- Fire Line has an interested party for \$10,000.
 - Need to arrange to have them come take a look
 - Jay Pollinger (61) made a motion, seconded by Devin Guth (73) to accept the offer of \$10,000 if they want to move forward with the trailer. All in favor.
- There was a cost of \$700 to marry the truck and new trailer with the proper hitch.

Old Business:

- The PCHF Board had a meeting in July and went through the trailer. They were very impressed.
- Smoke detectors are in at a cost of \$0.91 each. Each station is allotted a case of 30-36 to start. Additional can be requested after each station gets their allotment at the end of the month.
- Coloring books are in progress. Working to get final number.
- Senior Education program materials available, See Glen for details
- Mini Grants are still open, Please apply for \$500
- Trailer will be lettered and decaled before 9/28 by Sign A Rama.
 - Glenn and Jonathan went over the decal schemes for the trailer and truck. The membership approved the graphic schemes and to proceed.
- Digital History Program:
 - In Progress, remaining stations need to get scheduled.
 - Some videos are on the website.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Accident forms are in the truck's glove box from Limerick Twp that must be filled out in the event of an accident.
- Thorndale and other stations being trained on 9/17. If interested contact Richard Hedrick.

Good of the Company:

- Lynn Hartman will not be able to attend the meetings due to a scheduling conflict going into the next year.
- Being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Denny Rumler (51), all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 2020hrs

Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Brian M. Gallagher at the Ridge Fire Co. at 2020Hrs

Roll Call of Officers:

- All Executive Officers were present with the exception of Treasurer Tom Hornsberger who was away on vacation.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes had been electronically circulated previous to the meeting. A motion was made by Devin Guth (73) and seconded by Chris Totaro (73) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- July's Starting Balance of \$10,847.91 as of 6/25/2013
- Deposits of \$1.35 (Interest)
- Credits of \$227.16
- Ending Balance of \$10,622.10
- August's Starting Balance of \$10,622.10 as of 7/25/2013
- Deposits of \$1,001.35
- Credits of \$643.14
- Ending Balance of \$10,980.31 as of 8/25/2013
- \$1,000 Belfor Payment for trailer advertisement.
- Reports were presented by President Brian Gallaher as Tom was away.
- Motion was made by Jay Pollinger (61) and seconded by Marty Blumenthal (73) to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor.

Correspondence:

- 2016 Voice Radio Project Newsletter sent out.

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- Advisory Board Meeting Notes were distributed prior to the meeting.
- EMS and CCFCA have agreed on the new EMS numbering guidelines, but seems to be at a stale mate with implementation.

DES Report: Mike Holmes

- Presented the Monthly FM report
- Rebanding cutover is 09-11hr on 9/25. Units will be on backup channels
 - Infrastructure tuning
 - System validating
- Still need Cross Streets on dispatches and location information
- Mike Holmes and Roger Kolb (62) reviewed the fire involving Solar Panels at the OJRHS
- Jay Pollinger (61) discussed the success of two sprinkler heads that contained their kitchen fire.
- Mobile installations are ongoing, still some good and bad stories
 - Watch SMU status not going through.

Technical Division: Devin Guth

- 9/17 – 9/18 ACD will be testing to prove harmful interference with North Penn
- Voice Radio Project is ongoing. Currently getting all tower sites lined up and leasing agreed on.
 - Need to bring up the status buttons that were planned for the new system on the radios.
- CAD System:
 - Questions will be coming out from DES on how the groups would like to handle situations that the new CAD can't handle the same as the current CAD system.
 - Station print out issue seems to be a modem issue at the county. County is putting new modems in place.
 - There is a carrier vendor meeting for the Air Cards on 9/12/13 at the GSC.
 - MontCo works on a regional "Family" plan that keeps prices low.

Funeral Committee:

- Reverend Schwartz is working on the proper protocols
- Committee is updating the current procedures

Old Business:

- State Parade in final stages for the end of September.
 - Planning for over 2000 marchers and over 300 pieces of apparatus

New Business:

- Need 1-2 reps for the Voice Radio Project. Radio fleet mapping to start up soon.
- Nominating Committee assigned for 2014 Officers. See the following if interested in a position.
 - Denny Rumler (51)
 - Jay Pollinger (61)
 - Chris Totaro (73)

Good of the Company:

- Hero Fund Run, See Jay Pollinger (61) for Tickets
- 10/5 Anybody with a Bike is invited for a Red Knights ride. Leaving station 52 at 7:30 meeting at 10 & 30 to pick up the next group. Going to Gettysburg until 10:30 then go to MD to end up at Emmitsburg to recognize the fallen firefighters including Chris Good.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Marty Blumenthal (73), and seconded by Jeff Kimes (73) for adjournment at 2100 Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at Station 62 on November 13, 2013.

September 11, 2013,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary